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SUBJECT: INCNAF SPECIAL MEETING AND LOS

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1. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES ON NOVEMBER 4 MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 OF REFTEL IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE FISHERIES AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND WITH AMBASSADOR KNOKE, HEAD OF FRG LOS DELEGATION, LEAVING COPIES OF US MEMORANDUM TO ICNAF FOR MIAMI SPECIAL MEETING. THIS WAS DONE IN ADVANCE OF MEETING SCHEDULED BY AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY SACHS (COMMERCIAL, DEVELOPMENT, EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AND CULTURAL POLICY).

2. THE AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED UP ON WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS DURING CALL ON SACHS ON NOVEMBER 6, LEAVING COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM TO ICNAF FOR THE MIAMI MEETING. HE STRESSED THE SERIOUS DANGER OF CONGRESSIONAL ENACTMENT OF THE 200 MILE LIMITATION AND THE IMPLICATIONS THIS WOULD HAVE FOR OUR LOS
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POSITION. SACHS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR HE HAD ONLY

RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE LOS EXERCISE WHICH HE THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN INADEQUATE ATTENTION WITHIN THE FRG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. (WE ARE PLEASED THAT OUR REPEATED EFFORTS SINCE SPRING 1974 TO IMPRESS ON THE FRG THE IMPORTANCE OF LOS CONFERENCE ARE BEARING FRUIT.) IN DEALING WITH THE SPECIFIC FRG QUOTA VIOLATION CONTAINED IN THE ICNAF MEMORANDUM AND REFERRED TO BY THE AMBASSADOR, SACHS ADMITTED THAT THE VIOLATION HAD OCCURRED. HE SAID HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, CONSIDER IT AS SERIOUS AS MIGHT BE THOUGHT SINCE IT HAD BEEN LIMITED TO SUBAREA 5 WHERE THE GERMAN QUOTA WAS EXCEEDINGLY SMALL. THE GERMANS WOULD TRY TO BALANCE THIS VIOLATION WITH A REDUCTION IN CATCHES IN OTHER SECTORS. SACHS SAID THE GERMAN FISHING INDUSTRY FOUND ITSELF IN A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS BEING IMPOSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. THE QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY ICNAF NOT LONG AGO WERE ALREADY SMALL AND THE FRG WOULD BE CONCERNED IF U.S. PROPOSALS CALLED FOR EVEN FURTHER REDUCTIONS.

3. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED TO SACHS THAT, ALL OF THIS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE DANGER OF CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. HE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE FRG AS WELL AS THE US OF OUR SEEKING AN INTERIM SOLUTION OTHER THAN THE PENDING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION. THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE WAS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED PERSONALLY AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF

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STATE TO EXERCISE HIS POWERS OF PERSUASION IN THE
MATTER. FOR THAT REASON HE CONSIDERED IT VITAL TO
FOLLOW-UP WORKING LEVEL CONVERSATIONS ON THE MATTER
WITH A PERSONAL INTERVENTION.

4. SACHS ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HIS REFERENCE
TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE GERMAN FISHING INDUSTRY WAS
NOT INTENDED TO INDICATE ANY LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR
THE PROBLEM WHICH WE FACE. HE CITED THEM ONLY TO MAKE
CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS ALSO HAD DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES.
HE PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE FRG WOULD TRY TO
DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO BE HELPFUL IN SPITE OF THESE
DIFFICULTIES.

5. IN FOLLOW-UP AT THE WORKING LEVEL, EMBASSY WAS
INFORMED THAT THE HEAD OF THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE
MIAMI ICNAF MEETING, DR. BOOSS (AGRICULTURE MINISTRY,
FISHERIES SECTION), AND PROF. DR. SCHUMACHER WILL
BE ARRIVING MIAMI EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10 AND ARE
HOLDING SELVES AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH U.S. DELEGATION
AT 1000 ON NOVEMBER 11. SUGGEST THAT US DELEGATION
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ARRANGE TO CONFIRM THIS MEETING BY COMMUNICATION TO
THEIR HOTEL, SHERATON FOR AMBASSADORS.
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